GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:9
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2015
Database of Artists
Dhurve Smt. Jyoti

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

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DATABASE OF ARTISTS
*9. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE
Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:
(a) whether any database of the artists and artisans is being maintained in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any time limit has been fixed in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of welfare/pension schemes for artists and artisans along with the number of beneficiaries given the benefit during the last two years and current year under the schemes, year-wise?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE(I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION
(DR MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 9 FOR 30TH NOVEMBER, 2015.
(a) No systematic and comprehensive data base is available with the Ministry of Culture to indicate art form-wise list of all the artists/artisans. Some of the organizations under Ministry of Culture do maintain the information about artists associated with them such as name of artists who are given salary grant, production grant, pension, accommodation, scholarship, fellowship, awards, projects etc.

(b) Collection of data of artists/artisans is an ongoing process and will require regular updation, therefore, no timeline can be fixed.
(c) Ministry of Culture is implementing "Artistes Pension Scheme and Welfare Fund" to give pension to Persons Distinguished in Letters, Arts and such other walks of Life who may be in indigent Circumstance and their Dependents. Under the Scheme, artists whose personal income (including income of the spouse) does not exceed Rs.4,000/- per month and who are not less than 60 years of age are considered for financial assistance of Rs.4,000/- per month under Central Quota and with maximum of Rs.3,500/- p.m. under Central - State Quota, the remaining balance of Rs.4000/- being given by the State Govts. The eligible artists should have made significant contribution in the field of arts, letters, etc. for being considered for financial assistance under this Scheme. The number of beneficiaries who have been given benefits in 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16 is 542, 184 and Nil respectively.